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## PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

## RICHMOND MAN PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT FOR PIZZA SHOP ROBBERY

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE--United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Tom Colantuono, Concord Police Chief Jerome Madden and Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Glenn Anderson announced today that Christopher D. Mann, age 27, formerly of Richmond, New Hampshire, has pled guilty in United States District Court in Concord to charges in connection with the armed robbery of a pizza shop in Concord last August. Mr. Mann pled guilty to Interference with Commerce by Threats or Violence and Use of a Firearm in a Crime of Violence.

Mr. Mann is scheduled to be sentenced on July 28, 2006, by Chief Judge Steven McAuliffe. If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 20 years for the robbery offense and a consecutive minimum mandatory 10 year sentence for using a sawed off shotgun. He has been incarcerated since his arrest.

At the change of plea hearing, the defendant admitted that he had robbed the Constantly Pizza, 108 Fisherville Road, on August 28, 2005, using a loaded sawed off shotgun.

The case was investigated by the Concord Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with the assistance of the Merrimack County Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Clyde Garrigan, who is the coordinator for Project Safe Neighborhoods.

The case is being prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public and training of law enforcement officers about federal firearm laws.

In commenting on the guilty plea, United States Attorney Tom Colantuono said, "This is a great example of how Project Safe Neighborhoods is supposed to work: local and federal law enforcement working together to aggressively prosecute armed criminals under strict federal firearms law."

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